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NEBRASKA

Specific requirement to report sexual assault? No.

Requirement to report non-accidental or intentional injuries? No.

Requirement to report injuries caused by criminal conduct? Wounds or injuries received in commission with a criminal offense must be reported.

Additional statutes that may impact competent adult victims of sexual assault? It is mandatory to report gunshot wounds.

STATUTES ADDRESSING PAYMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS

R.R.S. Neb. § 13-607. Sexual assaults; forensic medical examination; payment; forensic DNA testing; requirements

- (1) The full out-of-pocket cost or expense that may be charged to a sexual assault victim in connection with a forensic medical examination shall be paid for by the law enforcement agency of a political subdivision if such law enforcement agency is the primary investigating law enforcement agency investigating the reported sexual assault.
- (2) Except as provided under section 81-2010, all forensic DNA tests shall be performed by a laboratory which is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-LAB-Laboratory Accreditation Board or the National Forensic Science Technology Center or by any other national accrediting body or public agency which has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive than those of the society or center.

REPORTING STATUTES WHICH MAY IMPACT RAPE VICTIMS

R.R.S. Neb. § 28-902 Failure to report injury of violence; physician or surgeon; emergency room or first-aid station attendant; penalty

(1) Every person engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, or who is in charge of any emergency room or first-aid station in this state, shall report every case, in which he is consulted for treatment or treats a wound or injury of violence which appears to have been received in connection with the commission of a criminal offense, immediately to the chief of police of the municipality or to the sheriff of the county wherein the consultation or treatment occurs. Such report shall include the name of such person, the residence, if ascertainable, and a brief description of the injury. Any provision of law or rule of evidence relative to confidential communications is suspended insofar as the provisions of this section are concerned.

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